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Applicant(s): Andreas Krüger et al  
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**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 23, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a Request for Continued Examination within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Final Rejection mailed on August 21, 2003.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$530.00 (\$950-\$420) to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (1117.40456X00).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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